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GOV. EASLEY URGES COLLEGE STUDENTS TO PLAN NOW FOR SUMMER GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley is reminding North Carolina college students that, while summer may seem a long way off, it is not too early to plan for a career-related summer job. The application deadline for the N.C. State Government Internship Program is Jan. 19, 2006.

“While performing valuable services for the citizens of North Carolina, interns learn skills that will make them better employees when they reach the job market,” Easley said. “In addition to learning about state government, interns gain hands-on experience from participating in important projects outside the classroom.”

The first such program in the nation, North Carolina’s internship program was established in 1969. Ten-week internships are available each summer in locations across the state. Opportunities exist in almost any recognized field of study, from accounting to zoology. Interns earn a stipend of \$8.25 per hour and work 40 hours a week. They also participate in seminars, tours and other activities designed to broaden their perspective of public service and state government.

To be eligible for one of the 75 internships, a student must be a North Carolina resident attending a college, university, technical institute or community college in North Carolina or an equivalent institution in another state. Students should have an overall grade-point average of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale, and must have completed at least one year of study. To qualify for a position designated as “law,” a student must have completed at least one year of law school.

Interns are selected through a competitive process overseen by the N.C. Internship Council. Selection is based on a review of applications by the Council, student interviews with prospective supervisors, academic records, participation in extracurricular activities and interest in state government. Students will be notified of acceptance in early March.

Details about the program and a listing of summer 2006 internships are available by calling the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office in the N.C. Department of Administration at 919/733-9296, or by visiting its website at <http://www.ncyaio.com>. Information also is available in campus career services or cooperative education offices.

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